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REMARKS:

Claims 1-13 are presently pending in the application. Claims 1, 8 and 11 are in independent form.

Various amendments to the Specification and claims have been made to improve readability.

The objection to the drawing (element 25) has been addressed by the New Sheet, which is submitted herewith.

Response to §112 rejections

Claims 8 and 10 were rejected under §112 second paragraph regarding the recitation of a second spring and pressurized air, respectively. Claims 8 and 10 have been amended to address the rejection.

Response to §102 rejections

Claims 1, 4-6 and 8-13 were rejected under §102(b) over Sexton. Claim 1 has been amended to recite second and third spring of an unequal spring rate. This feature is clearly shown in Figure 2 and discussed in paragraphs 18-20 of the Specification. Sexton expressly requires equal strength spring at column 2, lines 21-22 for its steering stabilizer.

Amended claim 8 requires a rod movable relative to the scat, which is fixed to the hydraulic cylinder. The Examiner calls the element 38 a scat, which clearly moves with the rod. Accordingly, claim 8 cannot be met.

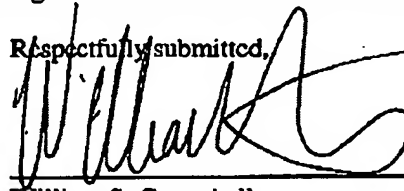
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Amended claim 11 recites that the air chamber is pressurized above atmospheric pressure and that the area on one side of the rod seal is at atmospheric pressure. This is discussed in paragraphs 14 and 15 of the Specification. This is not disclosed in the references.

All of the independent claims are in allowable form over the cited references.

Applicant respectfully solicits allowance of these claims. The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482 in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment, including a one month extension of \$120.00.

Respectfully submitted,



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